



Branstons Church of England Infant Academy

Reading News

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Autumn: Term 2

We have had a fantastic start to the year with visits to the library for all Key Stage 1 classes, virtual author events, phonics workshops for parents and lots of amazing Wednesday Storytimes with Mrs Cook.

This term has also seen Nursery Rhyme week for Little Owls which included lots of singing, acting and performing.

In this addition of the Reading Newsletter, there are lots of super book recommendations to keep your little readers busy over the Christmas holidays.

Happy reading!

The more that you
read, the more things
you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places
you'll go.

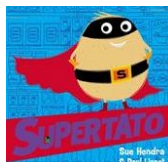
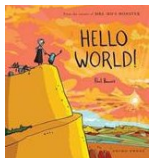
- Dr Seuss

Our book recommendations.

This term we asked Mrs Muhammad, Midday Supervisor, for her favourite books.

I really like adventure stories which lead you to different place and they let your imagination be free. It is exciting to find out where the characters go to and you can make predictions as to where they will go next. You can go on the adventure along with the character..

Here are some exciting adventure books for children aged 4-7:



Nursery Rhyme Week

Little Owls had the most fantastic time celebrating Nursery Rhyme Week. The children loved singing their favourite nursery rhymes as well as learning new ones as a class. Miss Edey and Miss Barker provide a wide range of exciting activities which linked to the nursery rhymes which they had been singing. The children especially enjoyed singing (and performing!) B.I.N.G.O and Five Little

Speckled Frogs. Nursery rhymes are such an important part of child's early reading journey as they help to develop vocabulary as well as listening and attention skills.



Reading gives us
someplace to go
when we have to stay
where we are.

- Mason Cooley

Hedgehog Class Visit to Branston Community Library

Hedgehog Class thoroughly enjoyed their second visit of this academic year to Branston Community Library. As well as enjoying the books that the library has to offer the children were set a challenge of finding a particular type or genre of book. They then chose one of the



books that matched the description on the card and then sat and enjoyed reading it together with their friend.



Protected Characteristics Books

At Branston Infants, we are passionate to ensure that everyone is included in our schools and everyone is welcomed. We recognise we are all unique and these differences are to be celebrated. To ensure that all children feel valued and part of our community, we make sure that we have a vast range of books which reflect their lives, race, cultural background, religion and family. All of the children have enjoyed listening to these stories and have selected books from all of the different categories to have read to them in class. The books provoke thoughtful discussions about how all people should be treated fairly and given the same chances in life.



That's the thing
about books.
They let you travel
without moving
your feet.

Jhumpa Lahiri

Top Picks of Children's Christmas Books



The Christmas Eve Tree by Delia Huddy

Christmas Poems by Sophie Piper



The Christmas Doll by Amy Sparkes

A spotlight on...

In November, our Spotlight was on non-fiction texts for 'Non-fiction November.' Lots of children enjoy reading this type of text and we encourage children to follow their interests in particular genres of books. This selection has allowed children to discover new books and share their new found amazing knowledge with their friends.



A date for your diary...

World Book Day

World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year! We invite the children to come into school in their pyjamas and dressing gown to enjoy a story filled day exploring a range of books (both old and new!) and take part lots of fun activities. This year it will be held on **Thursday 2nd March**.



At Branston CofE Infant Academy, we strongly believe in developing a life long love of reading. Follow us on Twitter @BranstonInfant1 and @BookBranston (our very own Twitter account dedicated to all things reading related!) to see how we promote a passion for reading.